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U.S.-MIDEAST DIPLOMATIC (TOPS 10)

WASHINGTON (AP)-THE UNITED STATES "ANTICIPATED" THAT SOVIET CEASE-FIRE OBSERVERS WOULD BE SENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHILE IT DISAGREES IN PRINCIPLE WASHINGTON WILL NOT OBJECT IF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL APPROVES OF THE MOVE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

SPOKESMAN ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID THE OBSERVERS WERE NOT ARMED AND THEIR DISPATCH AT THE REQUEST OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IS NOT THE KIND OF UNILATERAL SOVIET ACTION THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER DEPLORED IN CAUTIONING THE SOVIETS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

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